

Willie Blount to Andrew Jackson, November 3, 1813, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

TO WILLIE BLOUNT.

Fort Deposit, November 29, 1813¹

¹ Jackson was still at Fort Deposit on Dec. 1.

D'r Sir: your dispatches by Mr Fletcher has been duly recd. the want of paper and tim[e] prevents at this time a full answer. Nothing can be more gratifying to a true patriot than the unanimous approbation of his country nothing more consoling to the volunteer[s] than the approbation of those patriotic Ladies of East Tennessee who presented to them the colours, and I beg you to be assured that should a few disgrace themselves by mutiny and dissention, I have still confidence that a large majority of the volunteers under every privation will support the standard of their country untill the[y] finish what they have so gloriously begun. The war is over, if a strong front can be presented. on the 10th. of next month I must advance let my force be what it may. I hope on that day the supply of provision will Justify the measure, and I cannot lie still and eat publick Beef, in idleness. please signify to Colo. Williams my wishes to be Joined by him before I make the movement. from the dissentions that has taken place and the Discontent that has arisen, I cannot say what may be my strength on that day. I therefore earnestly request that Colo. Williams may form a Junction with me on the 10th of Decbr, and that as many volunteers as can be raised may be ready to Join me that I may be at Liberty to let those discontented spirits retire from service. I mean all the old volunteers that are so lost to patriotism and fame as may ask it. but I must have your sanction for this step. I am fearfull, that the greater part of the militia will dissert. how[ev]er I have taken every means in my

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power to have the dissenters arrested, fifty of whom have been taken and are upon their return march. I shall have some proper examples made which I hope will have the desired effect to deter others. report says, that the whole creek force are concentrating to give me another Battle. as soon as I can find out the point at which they are assembling I shall march and attack them.

I[n] haste I am Sir respectfully yr mo ob serv,